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**Amendments to the claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1 (currently amended). A paint roller comprising:

a frustoconically-shaped applicator having two opposite ends, a coupling portion disposed at one of said opposite ends, and an external surface between said two opposite ends, said frustoconically-shaped applicator being rotatable at said coupling portion about a rotary axis; said frustoconically-shaped applicator comprises a chamber for storing paint; wherein the end bearing the coupling portion has a planar cross-section smaller than a corresponding planar cross-section of the other opposite end; and

at least one paint-absorbable member mounted to said external surface.

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Claim 2 (original). The paint roller as claimed in Claim 1, and further comprising a movement coupler detachably coupled to said coupling portion.

Claim 3 (original). The paint roller as claimed in Claim 2, wherein said movement coupler comprises a rotary connecting portion adapted to coact with said coupling portion for rotary movement about said rotary axis.

Claim 4 (original). The paint roller as claimed in Claim 2, wherein said movement coupler comprises a pivotal connecting portion adapted to coact with a pivot mount of a handle for pivotal movement of said frustoconically-shaped applicator.

Claim 5 (original). The paint roller as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said frustoconically-shaped applicator further comprises at least one closable inlet leading into said chamber.

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Claim 6 (original). The paint roller as claimed in Claim 5, wherein  
said at least one closable inlet is disposed at one of said opposite ends.

Claim 7 (original). The paint roller as claimed in Claim 1, wherein  
said chamber comprises at least one paint-permeable portion coupled to  
said at least one paint-absorbable member.

Claim 8 (withdrawn). ~~The paint roller as claimed in Claim 1, wherein~~  
~~one of said opposite ends is a coupling end, said coupling portion being~~  
~~formed at said coupling end.~~

Claim 9 (withdrawn). ~~The paint roller as claimed in Claim 8, wherein~~  
~~said coupling end has a planar cross-section smaller than a~~  
~~corresponding planar cross-section of the other opposite end.~~

Claim 10 (currently amended). The paint roller as claimed in Claim 9  
1, wherein said coupling portion is disposed centrally relative to said  
planar cross-section of said coupling end.

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Claim 11 (original). The paint roller as claimed in Claim 1, and further comprising at least one abutment member mountable to one of said opposite ends.

Claim 12 (currently amended). A paint roller comprising:

a frustoconically-shaped applicator having two opposite ends, a coupling portion disposed at one of said opposite ends, and an external surface between said two opposite ends, said frustoconically-shaped applicator being rotatable at said coupling portion about a rotary axis; wherein the end bearing the coupling portion has a planar cross-section smaller than a corresponding planar cross-section of the other opposite end;

at least one paint-absorbable member mounted to said external surface;

a handle having a pivot mount; and

a movement coupler detachably coupled to said coupling portion and to said pivot mount.

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Claim 13 (original). The paint roller as claimed in Claim 12, wherein said movement coupler comprises a rotary connecting portion adapted to coact with said coupling portion for rotary movement of said frustoconically-shaped applicator about said rotary axis.

Claim 14 (original). The paint roller as claimed in Claim 12, wherein said movement coupler comprises a pivotal connecting portion, adapted to coact with said pivot mount for pivotal movement of said frustoconically-shaped applicator.

Claim 15 (original). The paint roller as claimed in Claim 12, wherein said frustoconically-shaped applicator comprises a chamber for storing paint.

Claim 16 (original). The paint roller as claimed in Claim 15, wherein said frustoconically-shaped applicator further comprises at least one closable inlet leading into said chamber.

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Claim 17 (original). The paint roller as claimed in Claim 16, wherein said at least one closable inlet is disposed at one of said opposite ends.

Claim 18 (original). The paint roller as claimed in Claim 15, wherein said chamber comprises at least one paint-permeable portion coupled to said at least one paint-absorbable member.

Claim 19 (withdrawn). ~~The paint roller as claimed in Claim 12,~~  
~~wherein one of said opposite ends is a coupling end, said coupling~~  
~~portion being formed at said coupling end.~~

Claim 20 (withdrawn). ~~The paint roller as claimed in Claim 19,~~  
~~wherein said coupling end has a planar cross-section smaller than a~~  
~~corresponding planar cross-section of the other opposite end.~~

Claim 21 (currently amended). The paint roller as claimed in Claim ~~20~~  
12, wherein said coupling portion is disposed centrally relative to said planar cross-section of said coupling end.

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Claim 22 (original). The paint roller as claimed in Claim 12, and  
further comprising at least one abutment member mountable to one of  
said opposite ends.